

Blues News

BLUE RIDGE
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“PAWS FOR READING”

By Theresa Manchey

Autumn was a busy time for the PAWS for Reading group. After a disappointing summer when the numbers of children coming to read at Bowman Library dwindled, members decided to make a big publicity push for our fall sessions.

Mary DeMott used her many media contacts to get a reporter to come to an early fall session, and a great article appeared in the Sherando Herald. Members also manned an information table during each session to distribute fliers and schedules and share the reasons why it is a great idea for children to spend time reading to dogs. The reading specialists, ESL teachers, and librarians in Frederick County invited a representative to their fall meetings to share information about the program and share photos of children and dogs enjoying books together.

The result was a record number of children at our last two sessions in November and invitations to visit three parent reading nights in Frederick County elementary schools and participation in a drug prevention program (Paws-actively Drug Free) at Gainesboro Elementary School. Four teams will also visit a special needs class at James Wood Middle School right before the Christmas holiday.

Also, Alex White and Abby Manchey have been visiting Eagle Ridge Middle School in Loudoun County to listen to two classes of special needs children read. At the last visit, they heard an original poem, and one of the teachers said her class is writing a group story “The Adventures of Alex and Abby.”

Of course, our best public relations agents are our great dogs and their handlers. Anyone who was in the Christmas Parade in Winchester probably heard the children calling out along the parade route, “Hey, there’s Rebel! Hi, Rebel!” It’s good to have so many new friends.

Current PAWS active teams include: Leo with Alice Seabright, Chelsea with Mary Demott, Caesar and Tiber with Janet Moore, Nemo and Issie with Joy Pitcher, Alex with Carol White, Rebel with Anita Belt, Teddy with Martha Ingliss, Zander and Phobe with Becky Gregory, Kisses with Tim Gregory, Spirit with Marzenna Gilbert, Baxter with Kim Miller, Jemma with Kathy Clevenger, Lexi with Janice McCowan, Chip with Anne Laskey, and Abby with Theresa Manchey.

Anyone who has a TDI certified dog and would like to participate in future PAWS events should contact Theresa Manchey (tmanchey@shentel.net). The Winter schedule for Bowman Library is as follows:

PAWS for Reading 2011 Schedule

Bowman Library, Stephens City, VA
1:00 to 2:15 p.m.

February 5 and 19, 2011

March 5 and 19, 2011

April 2, 2011

June 11 and 25, 2011

July 9 and 23, 2011

October 8 and 22, 2011

November 5 and 19, 2011



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"If a dog's prayers were answered, bones would rain from the sky".
Old Proverb





For
Reading
program





The Paws group visited Orchard View Elementary School.

At the end of the evening, each child received a hand puppet of a puppy named Paws with the attached poem. The reading teachers wrote the poem themselves. It makes me cry to read it. They gave us permission to print it in our newsletter.
Theresa

PAWS

*You picked me out from all the rest
I'm happy as can be.
My wish is that you'll find the time
to sit and read to me.
Although I cannot run or jump,
my favorite thing to do
Is cuddle up with someone small
and read a book or two.
We'll read of kings and pretty queens,
of pirate ships at sea,
Of boys and girls and rocket ships,
and little dogs like me.
We'll read of insects, birds, and bats,
of dinosaurs with wings,
Just open up a book each day
and see the joy it brings!
Bonnie Hudson and Kara Rhodes
Title I Reading Instructors
Orchard View Elementary School
Frederick County, Virginia*



Pictures
By
Marzenna Gilbert



“Share a Happy
Christmas with the
Frederick Co.
Shelter”



They are in need of the
following items:

Brooms & Dust Pans
Plain non-clumping cat litter
Window cleaner
Liquid dish soap
Liquid hand soap
Paper towels
Ink Pens
Multi purpose copy paper
Latex gloves
Canned dog & cat food
Dry puppy & kitten food
Cheap disposable cat toys
Kong dog toys
Clorox bleach
Post it notes
General office supplies
(staples, paper clips)
Large industrial trash bags



Thank You!

You guys are the best! I was amazed to get a get well card today signed by so many club members. It was the perfect card for a dog person too - on the front "As they say in Obedience school" and inside "Heal". I had eye surgery several weeks ago and Leo and I have been missing our nursing home and library visits. At least I had a therapy dog at home with me. I will try to make it to Envoy on Monday, 11/15. I was going to go to Hilltop today but chickened out because driving on Berryville Av in Friday traffic with one eye and no depth perception scared me. My sight should be completely back in several more weeks.

Thanks, Alice

Dear Members:

First, I want to thank the members who came out to help us test last Wed. night. Nice that you gave up your evening to help us.

The following Club members should be proud that their dogs passed both the CGC and TDI tests:

Joy Pitcher (future member) & Nemo (they met us yesterday at Ruxton for his first therapy visit)

Annette Talbot & Ariel

Cindy Gaines & Laser

Jean Simmons & Gwen

Anne Laskey & Chip and YooHoo

Cheryl Harrison & Indee

Gail Robbins & Laurel & Brogan

Donna Richardson & Sonnett

John Defilippi & Mr. Nick

Debby Kay & Cara

Debby Kay & Ranger earned their CGC but was not a year old, so he could not qualify for the TDI

We tested 16 dogs for the TDI, and all passed.

We tested 22 dogs for the CGC, and 20 passed.

Congratulations to everyone!

Donna & the Critters



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"Christmas means sharing?"



Rainbow Bridge

If you have someone special that you want to remember on the rainbow bridge please send me a picture and write up. We will put it in the newsletter in January to honor those who have left us in 2010. Thank you. Martha

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Picture Of the Month



“Merry Christmas Every One”



Pet Party Mix

2c. Cheerios 2c. Spoon-size Shredded Wheat 1/2c. Grated American Cheese powder 2 c. Chex or Crispix
 2 tsp. dry gravy mix 1/2 c. imitation bacon bits 1/2 c. melted butter or margarine 1 c. Dog treats (pepperoni, jerkey, etc.)
 Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Pour melted butter/margarine into a 13x9 baking pan. Stir in cheese, bacon bits, and gravy mix. Add cereal and stir until all pieces are coated. Heat until crisp, approximately 45 minutes. Let cool and store in tightly sealed container. Also on Pomerama, with 2 T. dry gravy mix, 1/2 c. Kraft grated American cheese powder, 1/2 c. bacon bits, 1 c. dog jerky/pupperoni/sausages, cut doggie meat treats into 1/2 inch pieces while cereal mix is baking, mix when done, may be frozen and keeps well, yields 20 servings.)

“Doggie Horoscope”

Sagittarius
 November 23 to December 21
 Always take your Sagittarius dog with you on journeys. This ideal travel companion will enhance your trip.

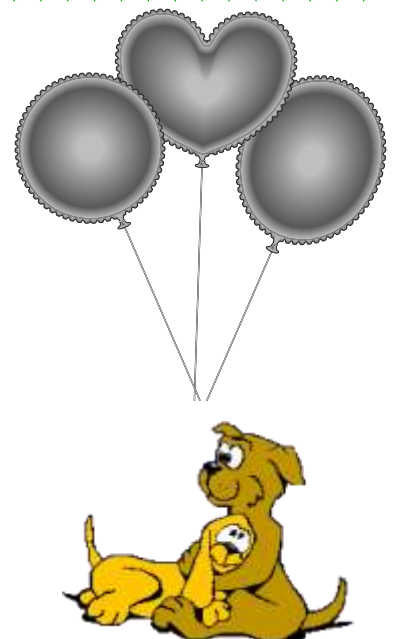
Capricorn
 December 23 to January 20
 The Capricorn dog requires kindness, warmth, and harmony. More deliberate than other signs, the Capricorn dog can reach an old age.

Birthdays & Anniversary's
January

Birthdays's

Anniversary's

- Martha Butler 1/12**
- Ed Stawsnyder 1/16**
- Bobby Lutz 1/17**
- Carle Germelmen 1/17**
- Clare Phillips 1/20**
- Rory Nasel 1/21**
- Janice Morton 1/21**





Mark Your Calendar



Christmas
Auction &
Dinner
December 18th

*At the
Winchester Park War
Memorial Building*

Starts at 5 p.m.

Until the last item is sold!

Club will provide the meat & drinks

Bring a dish to share

Bring your treasures to auction

*Bring family & friends & be ready to
have a great time.*

Get those last minute gifts.

All bids start at \$1.00

Please bring your plaques to the
meeting





"WAGS & BRAGS"



I went to the Turkey Cluster at Howard Cnty Fairgrounds over the wkend. Fri. & Sun. Whippet Ashley went Best Opp. Sex. Sat. she was Best of Breed!! Didn't do anything in group though. And then Fred took her up Mon. and she got a "Select" award. I think this'll bring her to 9 Grand CH pts. (none majors). It was my first time out trying to move faster than a walk after my knee surgery. Took a few steps before moving without a limp though.

Bobbie Lutz

Thanks to the club for all of the work involved in putting this test together.

Ridge Runnin' Bartholomew, TD, CGC/TDI was extremely happy to be there. Yippee! Bart passed.

Jennie Johnson

I was in Newville, PA (near Carlisle) over the wkend for UKC obedience & rally trials. The furkids gave me an early Christmas present--- 3 CDs!

Ashley, Travis, & Nikki. Ashley even got a 2nd place with a 193, & Nikki got a 4th place with a 187. Travis is now eligible for AWC's Award of Versatility title. Nikki earned hers last year and Ashley is already eligible due to her AKC CD earned in Oct.

Tyler got a 2nd leg on his UCD and missed his title by one measly recall

-- His very favorite exercise and he just sat there! They also had Rally on Sat. evening and Nikki qualified once in the Rally 3-B class but the score had to be 2 pts. higher to qualify towards their Rally Ch. Nigel earned a Rally 3-A leg toward his title. Nigel wasn't entered in obedience.

Bobbie Lutz

Thanks to everyone for making room for Trudy CGC/TDI. She passed--Hurray Trudy! She was great.

Joyce

At the Warrenton KC and Old Domion KC shows in October, Ashley went BEST of BREED all 3 Days!!

Bobbie Lutz

The Keepsake Kees had a GREAT obedience weekend at Catoctin Kennel Club. The trials were pretty big, with over 30 dogs in the B classes. On Saturday, Nikkee Q'd in Open B and Utility B with some nice scores, giving her enough OM points to finish her OM2!! Icey had some beautiful goes in her classes. On Saturday, she earned placements in both classes, earning a few more OTCH points, as well as a bunch of OM points. On Sunday, she had a GREAT go in utility, again wracking up more OTCH points. Her score was also high enough to finish her OM4 title!!!! So they are now:

Nikkee:

CH OTCH MACH2 Keepsake Moonlight Serenade UDX5 OM2

Icey:

CH MACH2 Keepsake Giving Me Chills UDX3 OM4

Margaret Bissell

AKC Agility Invitational

Friday we had a warm up FAST class, Open level. Most people used it to familiarize the dogs with the surface (they brought sod in so it was grass!) and the equipment. Glad she got on the DW, it was the J&J one, which is quite bouncy due to the design. Even the small dogs were making the planks bounce. The send portion was jump, weave, tunnel and she easily got that and we did all the contacts. They didn't score it but we got to have our scribe sheets - 77 points (of 80 possible)!

Saturday In Standard we got called on the teeter up contact, which I half expected when I chose to handle that sequence as a serpentine and be ahead of Dicey when she got to the teeter. It happens. The other choice was a front cross between the 2 jumps and open up the off course tunnel to her. I chose to take our chances on the teeter - Dicey is known for her fondness for tunnels! We had a nice JWW run but I glanced to see where I was in relation to a jump after the turn to the last line and oops! I know better than to take my eye off Dicey and sure enough, bar fell. After Saturday's runs, we were in 54th place out of the 100 24" dogs.

Sunday was a much better day for us. We were clean in JWW - first time I've ever seen a 180 with the first obstacle being the broad jump, and hope that was the last. We moved up to #40.

Then the infamous Hybrid round. I got the Q and ribbon. We ended up in 31st place.

Janice Morton





"CONGRATS TO THE GRADS"



**Graduating
Puppy
Class 2010**

**At the Stephen City
Fire Hall.**

**Pictures by
Cindy Gains.**





HOLIDAY EATING TIPS

- 1. Avoid carrot sticks. Anyone who puts carrots on a holiday buffet table knows nothing of the Holiday spirit. In fact, if you see carrots, leave immediately.. Go next door, where they're serving rum balls.**
- 2. Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly. It's rare.. You cannot find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-alcoholic or something. It's a treat.. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think It's Christmas!**
- 3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.**
- 4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.**
- 5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Holiday party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?**
- 6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.**
- 7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa, position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.**
- 8. Same for pies. Apple, Pumpkin, Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert? Labor Day?**
- 9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories, but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.**
- 10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Re-read tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner. Remember this motto to live by:**

"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, chocolate in one hand and wine in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO what a ride!"

Have a great holiday season!!



You have to love British humor!

These are classified ads which were actually placed in a U.K. newspaper:

FREE YORKSHIRE TERRIER.

8 years old.
Hateful little bastard.
Bites!

FREE PUPPIES.

1/2 Cocker Spaniel,
1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog.

FREE PUPPIES.

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd. Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED.

Also 1 gay bull for sale.

JOINING NUDIST COLONY!

Must sell washer and dryer £100.

WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE .

Worn once by mistake.
Call Stephanie.

**** **And the WINNER is...** ****

FOR SALE BY OWNER.

Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes.

Excellent condition, £200 or best offer.

No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.



"A Christmas Wish for Dogs"

On Christmas morning, I wish...
For every dog searching trash cans for breakfast, a full bowl with his name printed in bright letters.

For every dog who slept fitfully last night, chained in a frozen yard, a soft, warm bed with a person snoring gently nearby.

For every shelter dog, spending Christmas morning in a soiled run, a forever home, filled with sounds and smells of family.

For every "Christmas" puppy given today, a tolerant, caring owner who won't abandon you as you grow into a real dog.

For every ailing pet, enough money for your owner to pay the bills to make you well.

For every lost dog, a clear, safe road, and well marked path, to lead you home.

For every old and tired friend, a warm fire, and a soft bed, to ease your aches and pains.

and

For every Heart Dog at the Bridge, a moment when you know that you are remembered today, missed again, and loved forever.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING
2011

Jan - TBA
FEB 12 - AWARDS DINNER
MARCH - TBA
APRIL - TBA

each month a visit to en-
voy & HILLTOP
nursing home

Winchester Parks & Recreation
Christmas Auction
Come and have fun
Bring your goodies
(items & pot luck)

Vote on officers & Gains Award

Christmas shop
All items start
At a dollar!
Party starts at
4 pm